

CREDITORS TAKE SEWELLS' STORE

**Miami Pioneer Firm Is
Declared Bankrupt,
Receiver Appointed**

Sewell Brothers' pioneer merchants, one of the oldest and most prominent of the first stores in Miami, were put in involuntary bankruptcy Monday by Judge Ritter of United States court at Miami and a receiver appointed. The receiver is Harry C. Bunge, for many years general manager of E. B. Douglass & Company.

"Hub" Sewell was a lame colonel in the Everglades. In the early days of his business, E. G. Lyons land north of Canal Point, E. G. was head of the Miami Chamber of Commerce for many years and is now vice mayor of Miami.

Sewell Brothers did more than \$1,000,000 of business a year during 1924 and 1925; and in 1926 about \$1,000,000 net, the loss in which there was a great deal of damage amounting to \$115,000 was done by the hurricane of that year. Other losses from the hurricane brought the total to \$137,000 and the firm has not recovered from that disaster while the recent failure of the Bank of Bay Biscayne tied up \$37,000.

Queen Mary Defies That Future Shadow

ADY Britons are overjoyed at the discovery that their conservative and beloved Queen not only smokes cigarettes but also a whole pack habitually in the delicious weed for several years. According to the London News-Chronicle, which announced the happy fact, the Queen enjoys her cigarette after tea and dinner just as the humblest of her subjects.

The Queen serves cigarettes to her guests, royally encasing the custom. She possesses a collection of lovely smoker's accessories.

With her customary moderation, she limits herself as to the number of the cigarettes she smokes daily.



which constituted the firm's working force.

The complaining creditors who brought the bankruptcy proceedings are E. Kuppenheimer & Company, Chicago, with a claim of \$15,000; C. C. C. Corporation & Company, East Rutherford, N. J., \$5,296; and Hickey-Freeman Company, Rochester, N. Y., \$30,037. Debts of Sewell Brothers total \$40,000. The firm's inventories and other assets are worth about \$150,000, according to the petition filed by the creditors.

Mr. Bunge has been trying to settle with creditors on the basis of 35 cents on the dollar but the proposition was rejected.

EVERGLADES MEETING AT BELLE GLADE OCTOBER 27

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The Lake Okeechobee Flood control plan approved by congress occupies most of the time at the Belle Glade meeting. The following points were made:

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FARM NOTES

Asparagus will do better a few miles away from the lake in a zone, than on close-in land, says H. L. Stuckey, of Belle Glade, Fla., who farmed at Belle Glade, 10 years ago.

He says asparagus is grown by the hundreds of acres in the Glades, and is usually ignored, as this case illustrates.

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